



Gloucester Health Department

Annual Report
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Our Mission

The Mission of the Gloucester Board of Health and Health Department is to promote physical and mental health, prevent disease, injury and disability in the City of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Employing a comprehensive range of skills and a dedicated team of public health professionals, we provide effective services to improve the quality of life of Gloucester residents.

The Gloucester Board of Health consists of five knowledgeable citizen-volunteers who are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council for three- year terms of service.

As statewide leaders in public health programming, the Gloucester Board of Health and Health Department have spearheaded issues such as:

- Providing annual vaccination clinics for influenza and pneumonia prevention
- Creation of programs, such as the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative, to address issues related to the impacts of substance abuse
- Coordination of partnerships that promote regional active living and healthy eating initiatives
- Providing dental care with a focus on children's long-term oral health
- Participation in regional public health preparedness coalitions
- Enforcement of state and local environmental health regulations and policies
- Utilizing inspectional services to ensure safe food, water, homes and beaches
- Presenting public health education and outreach forums for matters of community concern



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Dedication to Service

The strength of the Department continues to be its staff of dedicated individuals, who collectively have provided almost 100 years of service to the City of Gloucester.

In FY 2017, the Gloucester Board of Health convened **13 public meetings** of the full Board, where **104 items** were discussed in addition to standing agenda items that include review and approval of minutes, public oral communication and discussions regarding

concerns of the Board. The Board championed several community outreach efforts regarding lead in drinking water in response to recent water testing at all schools.

The Board's **Septic Review Subcommittee**, chaired by Board member Fred Cowan and attended by fellow Board members Robert Harris and Joseph Rosa, **met 7 times** to review **27 items**.

Board of Health and Health Department Staff

Board of Health Members

Richard Sagall, MD, Chairperson

Robert Harris, Vice-Chairperson

Frederick Cowan

Joseph Rosa

Claudia Schweitzer

Recorder: Bobbi Orlando

Health Department Staff

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Karin Carroll, MPH, Director

Max Schenk, Assistant Director

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Message from the Health Director

Fiscal year 2017 brought many changes and exciting developments for the Health Department in Gloucester. It was a year ago that I joined the team in Gloucester and was asked to continue to build on all the great work of the Department in the areas of health promotion and substance abuse prevention.

In the first quarter of the year, we completed a community health needs assessment using a variety of data sources. In conjunction with our extremely dedicated Board of Health members, the team devised a strategic plan for the year upon which significant progress has been made.

The strategic plan focuses on three health indicators in which Gloucester significantly exceeds the state average and is therefore a major concern for public health. These indicators are: insufficient exercise, overweight and obesity; substance misuse, and will continue to be the focus of the team's work for the year and significant progress has been made.

The Health Department team also focused on increasing our community out reach and profile within the community through several health segments, "Health Chat" on Cape Ann Television as well as radio and newspapers. I believe these activities are integral to our mission of promoting health. Under the guidance of our long serving Assistant Director Max Schenk, the Health Department has made a number of improvements in its customer service and work efficiency flow through automation, process improvement, and cross training.

I have enjoyed every minute of my first year in Gloucester as the Health Director and I look forward to the good work we will do together as a team in the upcoming year!



Karin Carroll, MPH
Director
Gloucester Health Department

Environmental Health: Onsite Wastewater Systems

Many Gloucester properties are serviced by the municipally funded, sanitary sewer system. However, approximately 3,000 privately owned septic systems remain.

Their design approval, installation and operational maintenance remain under the regulatory oversight of the Health Department.

Since upgrading of onsite systems can be expensive, the City, through funding from the Mass Department of Environmental Protection, offers interest-free, 15-year, transferable loans to eligible homeowners that can cover the full cost of an upgrade.

Process	FY 2017
Soil evaluations witnessed	32
System or site variances were addressed	24
Title 5 System Installations Inspected	56
Title 5 Reports Reviewed	83
System Plans Reviewed	45

Beach Water Quality Testing

Gloucester has several beautiful beaches that provide enjoyment to the residents and visitors every summer.

In accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations, all Gloucester public beaches are regularly tested from June through September for compliance with state safety standards.

Given the popularity and extended-season use of our beaches, the Health Department performs additional water quality testing beyond those paid for

by the State. Each beach is tested for *Enterococci* bacteria. Should a beach exceed the 104 Enterococci colonies per 100 ml of marine water, they are required to close.

In **FY 2017**, 80 tests were performed with no closures.

BEACHES TESTED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCLUDE:

- ✓ GOOD HARBOR
- ✓ WINGAERSHEEK
- ✓ NILES
- ✓ PLUM COVE
- ✓ HALF MOON
- ✓ CRESSY'S
- ✓ PAVILION

Housing and State Sanitary Code

Rentals, Hotels, Motels and Public Campgrounds



The Department ensures the safety and sanitary requirements for all rental housing units, recreational campgrounds and Gloucester-based hotels, motels and inns. Rental unit inspections are performed, at minimum, every six years and the number of inspections performed each year can vary, accordingly.

Process	FY 2017
Occupancy Permits	521
Lodging/Hotel/Motel Permits	39
Public Campground	1

Retail Food Service Establishments: Preparation and Sale

Helping to ensure that our restaurants, businesses that provide food, or events where food is served is prepared properly and served safely is a responsibility that the Health Department takes very seriously.

Using State and Federal regulations, the Department inspects and licenses food stores, restaurants, caterers, mobile food vendors and temporary events where food is served. Inspections for the over 300 permittees occur twice per year, with follow-up inspections performed as needed. All **45 food complaints** received by the Department in FY 2017 were investigated.

Process	FY 2017
Inspections Performed	738
Complaint Citations	45
Stores	72
Caterers	10
Food Service Establishments	133
Residential	8
Mobile Food	44
Temporary	45
Frozen Dessert	7
Total	364

Tobacco Sales and Control

FY 2017 saw the further discussion regarding additional changes to the Board of Health's regulations related to the sale of tobacco. The Board of Health raised the minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age, as well as requiring that establishments that allow smoking in outdoor seating areas post their policy on their entrances.

The Health Department continues its partnership with the North Shore/Cape Ann Tobacco Alcohol Policy Program conducts regular compliance checks of all establishments permitted to sell tobacco products in Gloucester. In FY 2017, 30 establishments were checked and 8 were found in violation of regulations.



Complaint Investigations

In FY 2017 **over 300 complaints** were received, either by phone, or in person, and investigated by Health Department staff.

These include, but are not limited to, complaints related to housing, food service establishments, as well as environmental complaints associated with water quality, odors, trash, rodents, chemicals, drainage, and demolition,

property use perceived as being inappropriate, presence of lead, asbestos, leaks/dampness and concerns re: respiratory, skin or internal conditions, hoarding, bed bugs and other pests.

Complaints can be registered with the Department through the City's SeeClickFix online system, available on the City website.



Other Permits

The Health Department is responsible for providing inspections and complaint investigation services for a number of businesses and activities whose work intersects with best interests of overall public health protection.

Most permits are annual and all require an inspection by a trained health agent, who ensures that the facility, equipment and staff meet the regulatory requirements of the city and state.

In 2017, the City adopted a new permitting website in which customers can now go online to <http://gloucesterma.viewpointcloud.com> to establish an account and process numerous permits online. The new website provides easy access and allows customers to now pay by credit card. By automating the system, we can send customers email alerts for renewal time. This eliminates postal costs for the department.

Permit	FY 2017
Body Art Establishment	2
Body Art—Artist	5
Campground	1
System Installer	53
Dumpster—Individual	380
Dumpster—Company	11
Dumpster—Temp	1
Funeral Director	1
Garbage Removal Truck	16
Hotel/Motel	12
Laundromat	2
Night Soil Truck	10
Recreational Camp for Children	5
Septic Transfer Station	1
Stable	13
Swimming Pool	15
Tanning	2
Tobacco Sales	32

Communicable Disease Surveillance

Disease	FY 2017
Babesiosis	8
Campylobacteriosis	10
Cryptosporidiosis	Less than 5
Ehrlichiosis	Less than 5
Group A streptococcus	Less than 5
Group B streptococcus	Less than 5
Haemophilus influenza	Less than 5
Hepatitis B Chronic	Less than 5
Hepatitis C Chronic	40
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	9
Influenza	153
Legionellosis	Less than 5
Lyme Disease	65
Malaria	Less than 5
Mumps	Less than 5
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	Less than 5
Salmonellosis	6
Shiga toxin producing organism	Less than 5
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	Less than 5
Varicella	Less than 5
Vibrio sp.	Less than 5

The Health Department, through its Public Health Nurse, works with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health investigating and monitoring communicable diseases in the community.

These cases do not include many other instances of illness reported to the Department ranging from norovirus infections to animal bites where there is a potential for rabies exposure.



Animal Inspections

On behalf of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector implements measures to protect against the spread of disease in situations involving animal to human contact. *No cases of rabies were confirmed in FY 2017.*

In the last year, the Animal Inspector, in co-operation with the Animal Control Officer at the Gloucester Police Department, investigated reports of bites/scratches from cats, dogs, bats, skunks and raccoons. Increases in quarantine numbers are due in part to improvements in tracking and reporting processes, as well as a sharp increase in the number of dogs purchased as pets.

Permitting and annual inspections are performed at all horse stables to ensure compliance with regulations.

Process	2016
Ten-Day Quarantines issued for Dogs, Cats, and Horses	58
Forty-Five Day Quarantines	36
Six-Month Quarantines	14
Rabies Tests	7
Barn Inspections	13
Hours	185.5



Healthy Gloucester Collaborative

Healthy Gloucester Collaborative (HGC) is a state and federal grant-funded community coalition established in 2005 by the Health Department. The HGC's mission is to increase the health and well-being of Gloucester residents by reducing illicit substance use and prescription medication abuse. In 2016, the HGC expanded its substance abuse prevention efforts regionally and partnered with surrounding communities including Beverly, Ipswich, Danvers, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Essex, and Rockport.

In 2017 the HGC worked with community partners in the **creation of a pilot “safe space”** for those who are actively on an addiction recovery track. The HGC was also **awarded a \$200,000 Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) Grant** to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth ages 12-20 in the City. For more information on HGC and its initiatives, please visit their website at: www.healthygloucester.org

The HGC provides support to police departments, physicians and the youth.

Law Enforcement: De-escalation, increasing treatment access not arrests at the forefront of trainings. Increasing diversion from arrest and access to treatment for those suffering from the disease of alcohol and drug addiction has been a key priority of the North Shore prevention partnership of Gloucester/ Cape Ann, Beverly, Ipswich, and Danvers. In Gloucester, many innovative regional prevention models such as the Gloucester High Risk Task Force is now being replicated in Beverly..



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This past year, as a part of the regionally based opioid priorities, Healthy Gloucester Collaborative, convened the regional police departments with the Department of Mental Health, Lahey Health, Eliot Human Services and NAMI to increase police officer crisis intervention skills and build shared capacity for departmental clinical support. Officers across the departments attended training to increase understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, de-escalation skills and linkage to emergency treatment services. Officers rated the training as “excellent” and there is a plan to expand the training.

Physicians

Responding to prescriber requests for continued state-of-the-art information to increase care for patients with substance use disorder, Healthy Gloucester Collaborative in partnership with Boston University, sponsored “*Scope of Pain*” designed for providers to safely and effectively manage patients with chronic pain. Over sixty physicians attended.

A physician “Grand Rounds” was conducted by renowned addiction specialist and psychiatrist, John F. Kelly, Ph.D., of Harvard Medical School. - Dr. Kelly shared his latest research on the impact of stigma on recovery. Dr. Kelly's presentation was simulcast at Beverly Hospital and Addison Gilbert Hospital. -Additionally, a regional forum featured Dr. Potee presenting to physicians and school personnel on the topic of opioid misuse, addiction, and the latest treatment protocols. Over 200 attended.

Youth

Healthy Gloucester Collaborative continues to build youth leaders as a key voice for substance use prevention in the City of Gloucester and with our prevention partners across Cape Ann, Beverly, and Ipswich. With the guidance of regional substance use prevention goals, leadership training and adult advisors, youth have created unique interventions ranging from a regional harm of opioid misuse campaign called “*Defy the Opi-odds*” to build peer support for healthy decisions. Most recently, teen leaders are joining at monthly “*Regional Teen Nights*” in which the teens enjoy dinner, music and games while making new friends, increasing leadership skills and discussing youth issues with their peers.

-In addition, the Health Department staff headed up the Mayor’s taskforce on recreational marijuana -charged- with educating and advising city policy makers as well as the public. -Healthy Gloucester Collaborative organized an informational forum on the pros and cons of the recreational marijuana ballot question.



The Gloucester Youth Council participated in the Gloucester High School Health Fair to raise awareness about the harms of flavored tobacco products.

Children's Dental Center

The Children's Dental Center is overseen by a site administrator, the Board of Health and Health Department Assistant Director.

It provides oral health services and hygiene education to underserved children from one year of age, to 20.

All who have Mass Health (Medicaid) or Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) insurance are welcomed, and the program is exclusively funded by reimbursements. Bus transportation is made available from the public schools to the Center. It has served the children of Cape Ann since 2002. The Center is located at the Curtis Clark Senior Building in affordable space provided through the generous support of the Gloucester Housing Authority.

Process	Fy 2017
Number of Patients (total)	1351
Number of Procedures	3739
Cleanings	840
Fluoride Treatments	814
Exams	975
Fillings	370
Sealant Treatments	255
X-Rays Taken	355
Space Maintainers	6
Extractions	84

The Dental Center purchased a portable x-ray machine to provide better patient care through a successful Tufts Foundation Grant. The Center successfully piloted it's first adult patients in May as well.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Gloucester remains an active member of the North Shore Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition, which includes Gloucester, continues to carry out their preparedness and response activities to ensure compliance with state and federal mandates. The North Shore Cape Ann Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) works with area communities to recruit and train volunteers to support regional emergency response and community-wide (non-emergency) activities throughout the year. MRC volunteers come from medical and non-medical backgrounds and can be utilized for community events including athletic events (such as the Boston Marathon or local triathlons), flu clinics and staffing shelters.

More locally, the Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Team continues to meet monthly for planning and training purposes. The CAEPT participated in Cape Ann's first Vote & Vax Drill in November 2016. The CAEPT has also agreed to oversee regional initiative to assist Cape Ann residents in crisis situations due to hoarding disorder which is increasing in frequency for local responders.



Mass in Motion: Cape Ann

Since 2009 Gloucester has been one of 10 Massachusetts communities to participate in the “Mass in Motion” program funded by Mass Department of Public Health, as well as by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and others. In 2016, Mass In Motion- Cape Ann has moved forward on several initiatives to support active lifestyles and increase access to health foods. Gloucester and Manchester-by-the-Sea have adopted "Safe and Accessible Streets" policies and priority plans to open up the opportunity for these communities to receive funds to make their roads friendlier for walking, bicycling and accessing transit. -Mass in Motion-Cape Ann Project Manager, Stephen Winslow, has also been meeting with Rockport DPW and Board of Health to help initiate efforts there.

Backyard Growers

Mass in Motion-Cape Ann, partnered with the Backyard Growers (BYG) and helped revamp the Rockport School Gardening program. Mass in Motion-Cape Ann helped organize a "*Local Foods, Local Places*" forum sponsored by the USDA and EPA. As a result of the forum, several grant proposals have been submitted to develop and market "*Gloucester Fresh*" seafood and for support for a Seafood Development and Demonstration Kitchen. Mass in Motion-Cape Ann has started to inventory local food providers to better understand the available resources in Cape Ann to prepare and distribute healthy, locally produced foods.

Cape Ann Women's Softball League

Mass in Motion-Cape Ann has worked closely with the Cape Ann Women's Softball League to secure funds and contractors to install new lighting at Mattos Field in Gloucester. Mass in Motion-Cape Ann has also worked with Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee and the Cape Ann Farmers' Market to develop plans to improve Stage Fort Park and create an "events terrace" that would readily accommodate the market.

Essex Open Space & Recreation Committee

In Essex, Mr. Winslow worked with the Essex Open Space & Recreation Committee to update the Town's Open Space & Recreation Plan. Mass in Motion- Cape Ann funded an effort by the Cape Ann Trails Stewards for developing a detailed trails layer for all the Cape Ann Communities. Cape Ann Trail Stewards successfully developed "*Transit to Trails*" ads for CATA buses, culminating in an event that brought riders from the Gloucester Senior Center to Seine Field in East Gloucester.

YRBS and Community Health Needs

All Mass In Motion-Cape Ann Partners participated in the review of YRBS and Community Health Needs data to help plan out better strategies to address chronic disease, obesity and lack of physical activity on Cape Ann.

Mass in Motion- Continuing the Mission

Mass in Motion- Cape Ann Partners continue to take their own initiatives in support of the Mass in Motion mission. In Gloucester, the Open Door and Backyard Growers have implemented a "*Farm to School Grant*" that focuses on encouraging students to eat more fresh, local fruits and vegetables. Also, in Gloucester, the Cape Ann YMCA and private partners have secured the former Fuller School site as a location for a new Cape Ann YMCA that will be part of a retail and residential housing complex.



Hoarding Task Force

Given the public attention on the issue and complex challenges that hoarding can present to public and social service organizations, in 2009 the Gloucester Health Department worked with partners in creating the Cape Ann Hoarding Task Force.

In partnership with the Gloucester Housing Authority, SeniorCare of the North Shore and representatives from regional police and fire, the Task Force identifies potential hoarders and those suffering in conditions of self-created squalor and attempts to link them to resources and appropriate referrals. Representatives from regional police, fire, and building departments, as well as those from mental health and social service providers and faith groups, are active Task Force members.



By the end of 2017, the Task Force had over thirty serious cases they were involved in and many additional cases of hoarding and/or squalor were investigated. Recognizing that property owners and families could benefit from understanding not the condition of hoarding, but also the legal and enforcement aspect of hoarding response, the Hoarding Task Force began the process of organizing an outreach campaign that will focus on property owners of three or more units per building.

Vaccination Clinics

For a number of years, the Health Department has provided public flu vaccination clinics to anyone over 6 months of age. Through partnerships that included Gloucester School Nurses, local businesses, not-for-profit agencies and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, over 1,900 residents received influenza vaccinations in the 26 clinics that were provided.

Vote & Vax

In 2008, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded the first nation-wide Vote and Vax effort to deliver flu shots at polling places. Election Day presents a great opportunity to make contact with those who have not been reached by earlier flu outreach efforts. Utilizing a tailored national program, the Health Department offered flu vaccine to those who vote at the Gloucester High School polling place on Election Day, resulting in 75 vaccinations.

In addition, this flu clinic was held at Gloucester's Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS). This allowed for evaluation by emergency preparedness personnel to satisfy EP Quarterly Deliverables and assess the effectiveness of dispensing countermeasures to the public during an emergency. In addition to City personnel and local volunteers, MRC and CERT volunteers were involved in the drill.



Special Issues and Initiatives

Annual Diaper Drive

In collaboration with community partners, the Health Department held their second annual Holiday Diaper Drive to benefit families of The Open Door. In addition, a fundraiser was held at Jalapeno's Restaurant with proceeds from dine-in and take-out orders and a raffle donated to The Open Door for the purchase of diapers. A lack of diapers can affect children and families' emotional welfare, economics, health, and educational opportunities. With the generosity and compassion from the community, 2,015 diapers and 18 packages of wipes were donated.



Hepatitis C Initiative for Baby Boomer Population

In collaboration with the American Liver Foundation, The Health Department started a Hepatitis C Initiative for those born between 1945 and 1965. In 2012, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended adults born in this birth cohort to receive one-time testing for hepatitis C without prior ascertainment of hepatitis C risk. The goal of this initiative is to increase screening rates in the Baby Boomer population in the City of Gloucester, to identify hepatitis C infection, and provide linkage to appropriate follow up care.

To increase awareness and screening rates among this population, several outreach events were held during the year. These included, a public educational forum, free Hepatitis C testing day, and presentations provided to the Rotary Club, the Cape Ann Medical staff, and the Crace Center.

MDPH Summer Intern

This year, the Health Department hosted a Massachusetts Department of Public Health Intern, Lindsay Comora. Ms. Comora was brought on to assist in raising awareness and providing education to the community on tick and mosquito borne diseases. Lindsay developed and distributed educational materials to adults and children at a variety of community events; these include health fairs, The Open Door Summer Meals program, Farmer's Markets, Rockport Tick Forum, and the Gloucester Public Schools. In total, 222 educational packets were distributed to adults and families and 41 educational folders were distributed to children.



Workplace Wellness & Safety

The Health Department has played a major role in the city's workplace wellness initiatives. The Health Department was part of the Workplace Wellness Committee and through this committee oversaw the following initiatives: 1). Training employees in AED/Narcan/ CPR training 2). Actually purchased and installed five (5) AED machines 3). Partnered with PARI on the Narcan training.

In 2016, The Health Department was awarded \$10,000 in Seed funding from DPH to promote workplace wellness in conjunction with the City of Gloucester's Human Resources Department. The Workplace Wellness Committee survey staff on workplace wellness ideas. The grant has supported employee walking groups, weight watchers, and having stand up desks available for employees.

As a part of workplace wellness, the Health Department hosted vaccination clinics for Gloucester firefighters. Gloucester firefighters received hepatitis B and Tdap vaccinations. These vaccinations are extremely important for firefighters to obtain in the event they are exposed to infectious disease.

Drinking Water Safety

The Health Department worked with the DPW and the School Superintendent to ensure drinking water safety outreach efforts with schools. The Health Department also sent out letters to homeowner's recommending that residents with private wells test their water regularly to ensure good quality drinking water. Free drink test kits were made available for residents.

City Welcomes New Health Director

The Board conducted a full search for a new Health Director and hired Karin Carroll in August 2016. Ms. Carroll has a background in preventative health and health policy and most recently worked in Lynn, MA on the Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund.

Safe Sharps Disposal Initiative

Since September 2015, the public health nurse and key community stakeholders have collaborated to expand the number of sharps disposal kiosks in the City and provide education on safe disposal of used sharps.

A public service announcement from the Gloucester Police Department was released in January of 2016 to inform the public on calling the GPD non-emergency line, 978-283-1212, to dispatch an officer to safely dispose of sharps found on public ways.

Informational flyers and postcards were developed and distributed throughout the city. Education on safe sharps handling and disposal was provided to at-risk populations and city clean-up crews.

The City of Gloucester has three sharps disposal kiosks at the following locations:

- North Shore Health Project- Onestop Harm Reduction Program located at 302 Washington Street.
- Gloucester Police Department located at 197 Main Street.
- Addison Gilbert Hospital, Fisher Entrance located at 298 Washington Street.



Health Department Budget

Health Department Budget	FY 2017
Expenses (Total)	\$457,216.00
Personnel	\$448,205.00
Ordinary Maintenance	\$9,011.00
Revenues from Fees and Permits (Based on the City's Accounting system for revenue information)	\$163,545.50

Grant Funded and Revolving Account Programs

\$320,145- Substance Abuse Prevention Grants

\$173,000 - HGC, Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative. Addresses the issue of opioid misuse and abuse, and unintentional deaths and non-fatal hospital events associated with opioid poisonings in the communities of Gloucester, Beverly and Danvers.

\$100,000 - HGC, Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative. Addresses the issue of youth substance abuse in the communities of Gloucester, Beverly, Manchester, Essex, Rockport and Ipswich.

\$47,145 - HGC, Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking. This \$188,580 Federal grant dispersed over four-years expands and enhances the successful underage drinking strategies in the community. Awarded 10/1/2016.

\$125,000 - Healthy Gloucester Collaborative

\$125,000 – HGC, The Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation Bridge Funding. The one-year capacity funding supported the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative with personnel, facilities operation and associated programming. Awarded 10/1/2016.

\$40,000 - Mass in Motion - Cape Ann

An initiative in partnership with the Community Development Department. The grant funds staff who then facilitate opportunities for Gloucester residents to be more active and access healthier foods. Partners provide mobile fresh food markets and develop school, backyard and community gardens. Contract renewed through 6/30/2020.

Health Resources in Action - Working on Wellness Grant

\$10,000- Seed funding for enhancing workplace health and wellness initiatives. Awarded 10/1/2016.

Healthy Summer Youth Jobs

\$3,696 – In partnership with the Attorney General’s Office, an initiative to provide additional healthy summer youth jobs to youth in the community. Designed to directly benefit youth in low socio-economic status communities by providing jobs and addressing contributors to chronic disease by promoting health/wellness/disease prevention activities for the employed youth and the populations they will serve. Awarded 6/1/2017.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation – Catalyst Fund

\$5,000 – The Children’s Dental Center received capacity funding to support the upgrade of aging technology in their office. A NOMAD Pro Handheld X-Ray System was purchased to give the Dental center the versatility to keep up with patients’ evolving technological expectations and provide a more effective level of care to their youth patients. Awarded 3/31/2016

\$5,000 - North Shore Mother Visiting Partnership (NS MVP) received capacity funding to prepare for the launch their innovative home-visiting program designed to support, educate, and provide community linkages to new mothers in Gloucester, Peabody, Beverly, Hamilton and Newburyport. Trainings funded through the Catalyst Fund increased capacity of public health nurses on the North Shore to screen for maternal depression, raise awareness of maternal depression through patient education and offer access to clinical support. Awarded 5/1/2017

Health Department Revolving Funds

- Children’s Dental Center Revolving Fund supports the Children’s Dental Center staff and operating expenses. The current spending limit approved by City Council is **\$300,000**.
- Vaccine Revolving Fund supports public health vaccination goals to prevent the spread of diseases such as influenza. The current spending limit approved by City Council is **\$45,000**.
- Tobacco Revolving Account supports a contract employee to conduct compliance checks at establishments permitted to sell tobacco products in Gloucester. The remaining balance in this account is approximately **\$2,000**.

The Gloucester Fund

- The funds are contributed by non-profit Needy Meds organization (NeedyMeds.org) as part of a community give-back program to support public health initiatives. Balance is approx. **\$1,500**.

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